January in the Garden

Rhododendrons in January? Yes, but the discussion might not be what you think. These are plants known primarily for their flowers, a feature well worth considering, particularly during their normal bloom period. January, on the other hand, is a tricky time for flowers. A few plants reliably produce flowers around the New Year, as long as temperatures remain mild. These include wintersweet, Bodnant viburnum, a few camellias, witch hazels, gerrys, and Asian mahonias, as well as a few bulbous plants (and these are all worth visiting the Garden to see), but there are precious few rhododendrons that deign to produce flowers at this time. Only *R. rirei* comes to mind, and its flowering is easily frustrated by freezing temperatures.

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Nitobe Memorial Garden Closure

Due to high winds creating safety concerns and significant damage, Nitobe Memorial Garden is closed until January 7.

Check website for updates

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Hours of Operation

Shop in the Garden reopens on January 8.

The Shop will be open 10am - 4:30pm from Monday to Saturday in January and February.

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Christmas Tree Recycling

Until January 8.

Recycle your Christmas tree at UBC Botanical Garden. Proceeds support the school garden at Thunderbird Elementary.

10am - 4:30pm daily.

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